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February 8, 2010

The Honorable Gary LeBeau
Deputy President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 417
Hartford, CT 06106-1595

Re: Bradley Airport Development Zone

Dear Senator LeBeau and Members of the General Assembly:

Capital Workforce Partners, the workforce investment board serving 37 municipalities in North Central Connecticut, urges you to enact legislation creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone around Bradley International Airport in the current legislative session.

As Connecticut's flagship airport, Bradley is an important economic development engine in the region. Its tremendous impact on the state's economy has been documented by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. But it has yet to reach its full potential. Creating a Bradley Airport Development Zone would capitalize on the airport's optimal location. It would foster new business development, add jobs and generate new state and municipal tax revenues.

Capital Workforce Partners' mission is to leverage public and private resources to produce skilled workers for a competitive regional economy. We would welcome the opportunity to work with the Bradley Airport Development Zone to fulfill that mission and impact our region's economy, growth and future.

In that regard, we encourage you and the General Assembly to adopt Bradley Airport Development Zone legislation during this session.

Thank you in advance for your support of this effort.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Phillips
President & CEO